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1. [redacted] 1971, DURING HIS [redacted] MEETING WITH [redacted], PRESIDENT SALVADOR ALLENDE REPORTED THE RESULTS OF HIS MEETING WITH THE HIGH COMMAND OF THE CHILEAN ARMED FORCES, [redacted]. ALLENDE TOLD [redacted] THAT HE HAD REQUESTED THE MEETING WITH THE MILITARY IN ORDER TO DISCUSS WHAT [redacted]

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ACTION SHOULD BE TAKEN IN RELATION TO THE PUBLIC STATEMENT BY RETIRED COLONEL RAUL I G U A L T ON THE BACKGROUND DETAILS OF THE ASSASSINATION OF GENERAL RENE S C H N E I D E R. [redacted] COMMENT: IGUALT'S STATEMENT, WHICH WAS CARRIED IN THE 9 FEBRUARY ISSUE OF " SEPA " IMPLICATED FORMER PRESIDENT EDUARDO F R E I; GENERAL CARLOS P R A T S, COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF OF THE ARMY; AND OTHER RECENTLY RETIRED, HIGH-RANKING MILITARY OFFICERS IN THE PLOTTING AGAINST ALLENDE.)

2. ALLENDE TOLD [redacted] THAT HE WANTED TO PUT AN END TO THE SCHNEIDER CASE, BECAUSE IT WAS A VERY DELICATE MATTER IN VIEW OF THE INVOLVEMENT, AT LEAST TO SOME EXTENT, OF MANY HIGH-RANKING OFFICERS. HE ADDED THAT [redacted] HE HAD AGREED TO A SUGGESTION BY PRATS THAT FORMER PRESIDENT FREI BE PUBLICLY CLEARED OF ANY CONNECTION WITH THE SCHNEIDER ASSASSINATION. ALLENDE FURTHER STATED HE HAD AGREED THAT ONLY THOSE NOW UNDER ARREST (AND THOSE WHO FLED THE COUNTRY TO AVOID ARREST) WOULD BE CHARGED IN THE CASE AND BROUGHT TO TRIAL. OTHERS, SUCH AS RETIRED ADMIRAL HUGO T I R A D O, RETIRED GENERAL CAMILO V A L E N Z U E L A, AND RETIRED GENERAL VICENTE H U E R T A, WOULD NOT BE ARRESTED NOR BROUGHT TO TRIAL.

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3. ALLENDE SAID [redacted] THAT HE WOULD NOT ALLOW OR TOLERATE THE EXISTENCE OF ARMED GROUPS IN THE COUNTRY OTHER THAN THE ARMED FORCES. HE ALSO PROPOSED THAT THE MILITARY TAKE A MORE ACTIVE PART IN THE ECONOMIC ACTIVITIES OF HIS GOVERNMENT. ALLENDE SAID HE SPECIFICALLY MENTIONED THAT MILITARY OFFICERS SHOULD BE APPOINTED TO GOVERNMENT POSITIONS IN RAILROADS, MANUFACTURING, TRANSPORTATION, ETC. THE PRESIDENT REMARKED THAT THE MILITARY OFFICERS PRESENT INDICATED THEIR APPROVAL OF THIS PROPOSAL.

4. [redacted] COMMENT: [redacted]

ALLENDE HAS MANAGED TO CALM THE FEARS OF THE MILITARY ABOUT HIS GOVERNMENT AND TO GAIN SUPPORT OF KEY MILITARY OFFICERS THROUGH HIS MEMBERSHIP IN THE MASONS, TO WHICH A NUMBER OF MILITARY OFFICERS ALSO BELONG. ALLENDE HAS BEEN SUCCESSFUL IN PERSUADING HIS FELLOW MASONS WITHIN THE MILITARY THAT HIS GOVERNMENT DOES NOT THREATEN THE ARMED FORCES AS AN INSTITUTION.)

5. [redacted]